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Dear Sus.

Your BBC Your Say

- ① I most value - News - current affairs, TMS cricket on T.V. education, ballet, classical music, opera, Radio 4, - Today - I want the team including John Humphries to question politicians, chairmen of companies etc, to continue investigative questioning, which I cannot do. - Programmes without interruptions of advertising. local TV news appears weak at times.
- ② BBC should adapt to changes in technology, whilst including changes to culture it should retain our national identity & culture. Should still include those who do not have access to the internet or digital television.
- ③ My thoughts of BBC radio 3 & 4 - fine - good quality programmes, T.V. - news, current affairs, OK - more information programmes required - Question time is too late!
Better Saturday evening programmes required not just films or soaps! Should include some serious programmes for those not able to see them during the week. Cannot comment about online programmes.
- ④ Commercial services - Do not want TV advertising in programmes!

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④ BBC should continue to publish magazines DVDs and other commercial activities and increase if possible because the incomes help to fund programme making.

⑤ licence fee is the best method - it makes the BBC independent, and should continue. However there should be a reduced fee for those on low incomes who must pay something but could have a lower licence.

Persecution of the elderly who do not possess a television set must stop! Computer programmes which list every house or dwelling must take account that not everybody wants T.V.

Cannot suggest an alternative way to pay for the BBC which would produce independent high quality services.

⑥ BBC appears to be organised as an efficient organisation responsive to situations and providing programmes for many people.

Sometimes overkill on news & related programmes eg Soham murders & Dr Kelly. which ~~is~~ must have been, and still are, very traumatic for the families involved

BBC should not have to rely on ratings to compete with I.T.V.

⑦ Board of Governors should continue to run the

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BBC but have two sections.

- (a) those with business experience to run an efficient organisation.
- (b) Regulation and public interest to oversee programmes which are fair and free from bias and all tastes are satisfied.

⑧ BBC accountability - the BBC carry out audience research - but is this wide enough?

Public must have an input into how licence money is spent

Board should have members of the public on the Board but not politicians

It should be free from political influence and free to produce information and programmes independent and free from bias.

Yours faithfully

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